AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original): The compound of the general formula (1):

wherein

W and Y are both N and X and Z are both CR⁸ or X and Z are both N and W and Y are both CR⁸:

R⁸ is H, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy or halo(C₁₋₄)alkyl;

R and R² are independently H, halo, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₁₋₈ alkylthio, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, cyano or NR³R⁴, provided that at least one of R and R² is NR³R⁴;

 R^1 is halo, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-8} alkylthio, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylthio, aryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, aryl(C_{1-4})alkoxy, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkylthio, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkylthio, morpholino, piperidino or pyrrolidino;

 R^3 and R^4 are independently H, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, aryl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl, R^5 R^6 , provided that not both R^3 and R^4 are H or R^5 R^6 , or

 R^3 and R^4 together form a C_{3-7} alkylene or C_{3-7} alkenylene chain optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups, or,

together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, R^3 and R^4 form a morpholine, thiomorpholine S-oxide or thiomorpholine S-dioxide ring or a piperazine or piperazine N-(C_{1-4})alkyl (especially N-methyl) ring; and

 R^5 and R^6 are independently H, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaryl(C_{1-8})alkyl;

any of the foregoing alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl groups or moieties (other than for R^8) being optionally substituted with halogen, cyano, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, tri(C_{1-4})alkylsilyl, C_{1-6} alkylamino or C_{1-6} dialkylamino,

any of the foregoing morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperidine, piperazine and pyrrolidine rings being optionally substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl (especially methyl), and

any of the foregoing aryl or heteroaryl groups or moieties being optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, mercapto, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆

alkynyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy, C₂₋₆ alkynyloxy, halo(C₁₋₆)alkyl, halo(C₁₋₆)alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkylthio, halo(C_{1.6})alkylthio, hydroxy(C_{1.6})alkyl, C_{1.4} alkoxy(C_{1.6})alkyl, C_{3.6} cycloalkyl, C_{3.6} cycloalkyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, benzyloxy, cyano, isocyano, thiocyanato, isothiocyanato, nitro, -NR""R"", -NHCOR", -NHCONR""R"", -CONR""R"", -SO₂R", -OSO₂R", -COR", -CR"=NR"" or -N=CR"R"", in which R" and R" are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo(C₁₄)alkyl, C₁₄ alkoxy, halo(C₁₄)alkoxy, C₁₄ alkylthio, C₃₅ cycloalkyl, C₃₅ cycloalkyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl groups being optionally substituted with halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy; provided that Y is not CCH₃ when W is CH, X and Z are N, R is NHCH₃, R¹ is 2,6-

- dichlorophenyl and R² is H.
- 2. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein W and Y are both N and X and Z are both CH or X and Z are both N and W and Y are both CH.
- 3. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 er 2 wherein R² is NR³R⁴.
- 4. (Original): A compound according to claim 3 wherein R is halo.
- 5. (Currently Amended): A compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein

 R^3 is C_{1-8} alkyl, halo(C_{1-8})alkyl, hydroxy(C_{1-8})alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy(C_{1-8})alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxyhalo(C_{1-8}) 8)alkyl, tri(C₁₋₄)alkylsilyl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylcarbonyl(C₁₋₈)alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylcarbonylhalo(C₁₋₈) ₈)alkyl, phenyl(14)alkyl, C₂₈ alkenyl, halo(C₂₈)alkenyl, C₂₈ alkynyl, C₃₈ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with chloro, fluoro or methyl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, phenylamino, piperidino or morpholino, the phenyl ring of phenylalkyl or phenylamino being optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo(C₁₋₄)alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy and halo(C₁₋₄)alkoxy; and

R⁴ is H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo(C₁₋₄)alkyl or amino, or

R³ and R⁴ together form a C₃₋₇ alkylene or alkenylene chain optionally substituted with methyl, or,

together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, R³ and R⁴ form a morpholine, thiomorpholine, thiomorpholine S-oxide or thiomorpholine S-dioxide ring or a piperazine or piperazine N-(C₁₋₄)alkyl (especially N-methyl) ring, in which the morpholine or piperazine rings are optionally substituted with methyl.

6. (Currently Amended): A compound according to any one of the preceding claims <u>claim 1</u>, wherein

 R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted with from one to five halogen atoms or with from one to three substituents selected from halo, $C_{1\!-\!4}$ alkyl, halo($C_{1\!-\!4}$)alkyl, $C_{1\!-\!4}$ alkoxy or halo($C_{1\!-\!4}$)-alkoxy, pyridyl optionally substituted with from one to four halogen atoms or with from one to three substituents selected from halo, $C_{1\!-\!4}$ alkyl, halo($C_{1\!-\!4}$)alkyl, $C_{1\!-\!4}$ alkoxy or halo($C_{1\!-\!4}$)-alkoxy, 2- or 3-thienyl optionally substituted with from one to three halogen atoms or with from one to three substituents selected from halo, $C_{1\!-\!4}$ alkyl, halo($C_{1\!-\!4}$)alkyl, $C_{1\!-\!4}$ alkoxy or halo($C_{1\!-\!4}$)alkoxy, or piperidino or morpholino both optionally substituted with one or two methyl groups.

- 7. (Original): A compound according to claim 6 wherein R¹ is 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-6-chlorophenyl, 2,5,6-trifluorophenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2,6-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl or pentafluorophenyl.
- (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein
 W and Y are both N and X and Z are both CR⁸ or X and Z are both N and W and Y are both
 CR⁸;

 R^8 is H, halo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy or halo(C_{1-4})alkyl; one of R and R^2 (preferably R^2) is NR^3R^4 and the other is halo;

 R^1 is halo, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6}) alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-8} alkylthio, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylthio, aryl(C_{1-4}) alkyl, aryl(C_{1-4}) alkoxy, heteroaryl(C_{1-4}) alkyl, heteroaryl(C_{1-4}) alkylthio, heteroaryl(C_{1-4}) alkylthio, piperidino or pyrrolidino;

 R^3 and R^4 are independently H, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, aryl, aryl, C_{1-8}) alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl, C_{1-8}) alkyl, R^5R^6 , provided that not both R^3 and R^4 are H or R^5R^6 , or

 R^3 and R^4 together form a C_{3-7} alkylene or a C_{3-7} alkylene chain optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy groups, or,

together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, R^3 and R^4 form a morpholine, thiomorpholine, thiomorpholine S-oxide or thiomorpholine S-dioxide ring or a piperazine or piperazine N-(C_{1-4})alkyl (especially N-methyl) ring; and

 R^5 and R^6 are independently H, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaryl(C_{1-8})alkyl;

any of the foregoing alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl groups or moieties (other than for R⁸)

being optionally substituted with halogen, cyano, $C_{1.6}$ alkoxy, $C_{1.6}$ alkylcarbonyl, $C_{1.6}$ alkoxy-carbonyl, $C_{1.6}$ haloalkoxy, $C_{1.6}$ alkylthio, $tri(C_{1.4})$ alkylsilyl, $C_{1.6}$ alkylamino or $C_{1.6}$ dialkylamino, any of the foregoing morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperidine, piperazine and pyrrolidine rings being optionally substituted with $C_{1.4}$ alkyl (especially methyl), and any of the aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, mercapto, $C_{1.6}$ alkyl, $C_{2.6}$ alkenyl, $C_{2.6}$ alkenyloxy, $C_{2.6}$ alkenyloxy, $C_{2.6}$ alkynyloxy, halo($C_{1.6}$)alkyl, halo($C_{1.6}$)alkoxy, $C_{1.6}$ alkylthio, hydroxy($C_{1.6}$)alkyl, $C_{1.4}$ alkoxy($C_{1.6}$)alkyl, $C_{3.6}$ cycloalkyl, $C_{3.6}$ cycloalkyl($C_{1.4}$)alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, benzoyloxy, cyano, isocyano, thiocyanato, isothiocyanato, nitro, -NR'''R'''', -NHCOR'''', -NHCONR'''R'''', -CONR'''R'''', -SO₂R''', -OSO₂R''', -COR'''', -CR'''=NR'''' or -N=CR'''R'''', in which R''' and R'''' are independently hydrogen, $C_{1.4}$ alkyl, halo($C_{1.4}$)alkyl, $C_{1.4}$ alkoxy, halo($C_{1.4}$)alkoxy, $C_{1.4}$ alkylthio, $C_{3.6}$ cycloalkyl, $C_{3.6}$ cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl groups being optionally substituted with halogen, $C_{1.4}$ alkyl or $C_{1.4}$ alkoxy.

9. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein

W and Y are both N and X and Z are both CR⁸ or X and Z are both N and W and Y are both CR⁸;

 R^8 is H, halo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy or halo(C_{1-4})alkyl; one of R and R^2 (preferably R^2) is NR^3R^4 and the other is halo;

R¹ is halo, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl(C_{1-6})alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-8} alkylthio, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylthio, aryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, aryl(C_{1-4})alkoxy, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkylthio, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkylthio, morpholino, piperidino or pyrrolidino;

 R^3 is C_{1-4} alkyl, halo(C_{1-4})alkyl, C_{2-4} alkenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl(C_{1-4})alkyl or phenylamino in which the phenyl ring is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from halo, C_{1-4} alkyl, halo(C_{1-4})alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy and halo(C_{1-4})alkoxy; and R^4 is H, C_{1-4} alkyl or amino, or

 R^3 and R^4 together form a C_{4-6} alkylene chain optionally substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy, or,

together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, R^3 and R^4 form a morpholine, thiomorpholine, thiomorpholine S-oxide or thiomorpholine S-dioxide ring or a piperazine or piperazine N-(C_{1-4})alkyl (especially N-methyl) ring;

any of the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or cycloalkyl groups or moieties (other than for R^8) being optionally substituted with halogen, cyano, C_{1-8} alkoxy, C_{1-8} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy-

carbonyl, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, $tri(C_{1-4})$ alkylsilyl, C_{1-6} alkylamino or C_{1-6} dialkylamino, any of the foregoing morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperidine, piperazine and pyrrolidine rings being optionally substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl (especially methyl), and any of the aryl or heteroaryl groups or moieties being optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, mercapto, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyloxy, C_{2-6} alkynyloxy, halo (C_{1-6}) alkyl, halo (C_{1-6}) alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, hydroxy(C_{1-6})alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl(C_{1-4})-alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, benzoyloxy, cyano, isocyano, thiocyanato, isothiocyanato, nitro, -NR'''R'''', -NHCOR''', -NHCONR'''R'''', -CONR'''R'''', -SO $_2$ R''', -OSO $_2$ R''', -COR''', -CR'''=NR'''' or -N=CR'''R'''', in which R''' and R'''' are independently hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, halo (C_{1-4}) alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, halo (C_{1-4}) alkoxy, C_{1-4} alkylthio, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl(C_{1-4})alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl groups being optionally substituted with halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy.

10. (Original): A process for preparing a compound of the general formula (1) according to claim 1 wherein one of R and R² is chloro or fluoro and the other is NR³R⁴ and W, X, Y, Z, R¹, R³ and R⁴ are as defined in claim 1, which comprises reacting an amine of the general formula NR³R⁴ with a compound of the general formula (6) or (13):

$$X \xrightarrow{W} CI \qquad X \xrightarrow{F} R^1$$

$$Y \xrightarrow{Z} N CI \qquad Y \xrightarrow{Z} N \xrightarrow{F} R^1$$

$$(6) \qquad (13)$$

11. (Original): The intermediate chemicals having the general formulae (4), (5), (6) and (13):

wherein W, X, Y, Z and R^1 are as defined in claim 1 and R^7 is $C_{1.4}$ alkyl, other than those compounds of the general formula (5) wherein W and Y are both CH and X and Z are both N and R^1 is methyl, ethyl or phenyl, and other than those compounds of the general formula (5) wherein W is CH, Y is CH₃-C and X and Z are both N and R^1 is methyl, ethyl or phenyl,

- and other than the compound of the general formula (4) wherein W and Y are both CH₃-C and X and Z are both N and R¹ is methyl and R⁷ is ethyl.
- 12. (Original): A plant fungicidal composition comprising a fungicidally effective amount of a compound as defined in claim 1 and a suitable carrier or diluent therefor.
- 13. (Currently Amended): A method of combating or controlling phytopathogenic fungi which comprises applying to a plant, to a seed of a plant, to the locus of the plant or seed or to soil or to any other plant growth medium, a fungicidally effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or a composition according to claim 12.